

## 5 BUTT'S COTTAGES



My look at the history of 'Butt's Cottages', concludes (as far as the terrace is concerned) with the occupiers of 164 (5 Butt's Cottages), which in 1909 was the home of Frederick Faulkener,

I have not being able (so far) to find out anything definitely about Frederick Faulkener (other than his entries in the 1909<sup>1</sup> and 1910<sup>2</sup> electoral registers), but it is possible he is the Fred Faulkener (20) a coal merchant carter, who was listed in the 1901 Census<sup>3</sup> at Kingfield Green, son of Frank (58) a timber yard labourer and Julia (57).

This is almost certainly the Frederick Faulkener listed in 1911<sup>4</sup> at Temple Bar in St Johns, then married (for 2½ years) with his wife Mary Ann (42) and their two-year old son Percy George, and what appears to be the children of Mary Ann from a previous marriage.

By 1911<sup>5</sup> they had been replaced at 5 Butts Cottages by Sarah Fanny Bowden, a sixty year old widow, with three lodgers (all butchers) and a six-year-old grandson called Bill Bowden (staying on census night, at least).

She came originally from Bentley in Warwickshire and had been married for thirty-three years, having a total of six children (only one of whom was still alive at the time of the census).

From the 1901 census<sup>6</sup>, when she was living at Green's Cottages in Shackelford, Woking, and we know that she was then employed as a 'charwomen'. She also then had a butcher boarding with her, but we have to go back to 1891<sup>7</sup> to find any trace of her husband, William (three years her junior, a paper-maker from Hampshire), with an Alice Bowden, aged nine, also listed - presumably their daughter (although that is not made clear in the listing). Their address then was simply, Shackelford, Woking.

It has proved difficult, so far, to find out much more about Sarah other than from the electoral registers. I know that in 1894<sup>8</sup> she was eligible to vote in county but not parliamentary elections, presumably because of the property she owned in the Shackelford area of Woking. She is listed at 5 Butt's Cottages in 1911<sup>9</sup> to 1913<sup>10</sup>.

By 1918 Sarah had moved out of 164, which according to the electoral register<sup>11</sup> was then occupied by the former occupiers of 172 High Street, Henry George Glazier and Jane, his wife (who qualified to vote by virtue of her own occupation), with William Henry Glazier also being registered as a 'Naval or Military' voter, although absent.

Sarah Bowden, apparently moved down the High Street to number 79, where according to the burial register of St Peter's Church she died on the 29th March 1922, aged seventy-one<sup>12</sup>.

The Glaziers, as mentioned above, moved from one end of the terrace to the other (via across the road) by the end of the First World War, and stayed here until the Second World War. Henry George Glazier was listed as a 'retired nurseryman' in the National Register in 1939<sup>13</sup>, with Jane noted as performing 'unpaid domestic duties'. Also in the household was a Patrick Maker, born 4<sup>th</sup> October 1914, single, a driver in a gravel pit – although what relationship (if any) he had to the Glaziers I have not been able to work out.

Immediately after the war nobody is listed at 164 High Street, the first entry in the electoral registers being in 1946<sup>14</sup> when Charles and Marjorie Lawrence take up residence. They are joined by Joshua Lawrence in 1947<sup>15</sup>, but in 1948 the property was once again evidently empty, John W and Annie E Gunning taking over in 1949<sup>16</sup> and remaining there until 1962<sup>17</sup> when Edward J and Alice M Broom are listed.

The 1964 Street Directory lists the Gunning's at 166 High Street, confirming our land registry entry and completing the circle on the history of the Butt's Cottages – 164-172 High Street, Old Woking.

<sup>1</sup> SHC CC802/20/4

<sup>2</sup> SHC CC802/21/4

<sup>3</sup> TNA RG13/597/34

<sup>4</sup> TNA RG14/3043/225

<sup>5</sup> SHC CC802/22/4

<sup>6</sup> TNA RG13/597/15

<sup>7</sup> TNA RG12/555/97

<sup>8</sup> SHC CC802/5/4

<sup>9</sup> SHC CC802/22/4

<sup>10</sup> SHC CC802/24/4

<sup>11</sup> SHC CC802/27/4

<sup>12</sup> SHC WOKP/5/2

<sup>13</sup> TNA RG101/1933E

<sup>14</sup> SHC CC802/57/5

<sup>15</sup> SHC CC802/58/5

<sup>16</sup> SHC CC802/60/10

<sup>17</sup> SHC CC802/73/10